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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

SUBJECT : Maximum Intelligence Effort Against Communist China - Status Report

REFERENCE : Action Memorandum No. A-161, dated 11 January 1963

1. DD/I components are reviewing in detail their intelligence collection requirements on Communist China, and updating them where appropriate. This process includes requirements levied [redacted]

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2. ONE has produced a paper on the major gaps in intelligence on Communist China. [redacted]

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3. OSI, in consultation with ORR, ONE and DD/R, is preparing recommendations for the Director on the composition of a panel of distinguished scientists to participate in a review of Chinese Communist scientific and technical capabilities. Present thinking favors a panel of no more than eight members, which would be weighted most heavily with nuclear and missile specialists. We consider that members of the panel should have a background of experience with intelligence data, Chinese area familiarity, and long and distinguished experience in a particular field. Appropriate members for such a panel are being discussed and a concrete recommendation will shortly be forthcoming.

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5. OSI has recently completed Scientific Intelligence Collection Aids on the Chinese nuclear weapons and guided missile programs. [redacted]

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7. A memorandum on Chinese scientific and technical capabilities, with emphasis on nuclear and missile capabilities, was forwarded on 21 January.

8. ORR has completed considerable research from available data on the Chinese potential for developing nuclear weapons. The product of this research has been reported periodically in ORR publications and in those of ONE and OCI. It is interesting to note that during the last year ORR's estimates of Chinese economic capabilities, including those capabilities important to the success of their advanced weapons program, have been revised downward.

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